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SUBJ: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: LETTER OF THE SECRETARYA-GENERAL  
RELATIVE TO THE UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

REF: A) UN DOCUMENT A/CONF.81/INF 1  
B) USUN 899

1. SUMMARY: THE SECOND SECTION OF THIS CABLE TRANSMITS  
A LETTER OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE SUBJECT OF PRE-  
PARATION FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND  
TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT. THE LETTER NOTES, AS THE G-77  
HAD REQUESTED AT THE 1977 PREPCOM, THAT ONLY THE GUIDELINES  
PROPER ("OUTLINE FOR NATIONAL PAPERS" -- SEE REF A) WERE  
NEGOTIATED. THE REMAINDER OF ACASTD DOCUMENT (ORIGINS,  
BACKGROUND, ETC.) "WAS NOT FORMALLY DISCUSSED BY THE COMMITTEE  
AND MIGHT THEREFORE BE REGARDED AS INDICATIVE AND INFORMATIVE  
RATHER THAN MANDATORY." AT CONCLUSION, SYG CALLS ON GOVERN-  
MENTS (PRESUMABLY OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES) TO INFORM  
SECRETARIAT OF NAMES AND CURRICULA VITAE OF EXPERTS WHO  
MIGHT BE AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN THE  
PREPARATION OF NATIONA PAPERS. MISSION URGES DEPT  
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TO INFORM ALL INTERESTED GOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERN-  
MENTAL ORGANIZATIONS OF THIS REQUEST.

2. QUOTE: BEGIN TEXT.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS PRESENTS  
HIS COMPLIMENTS TO THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
AND, WITH REFERENCE TO HIS NOTE EC 114/13(I) OF 18 MARCH 1977,  
HAS THE HONOUR TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THE REPORT ON THE  
FIRST SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE UNITED  
NATIONS CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT  
(A/32/43).

WITH REGARD TO THE GUIDELINES FOR THE PREPARATION OF NATIONAL  
PAPERS (A/32/43, ANNEX II, DECISION 1 (I)), WHICH HAVE ALREADY  
BEEN TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNMENTS IN DOCUMENT A/CONF.81/INF.1,  
IT SHOULD BE SPECIFIED THAT ONLY THE FIRST PART (OUTLINE  
FOR NATIONAL PAPERS) WAS THE SUBJECT OF NEGOTIATIONS AND  
CONSENSUS IN THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE.

THE REMAINING PART OF THE GUIDELINES (ORIGIN OF THE  
CONFERENCE, CONCEPTUAL BACKGROUND, PREPARATORY PERIOD,  
ANNEX AND APPENDIX), ALTHOUGH SUBMITTED TO THE PREPARATORY  
COMMITTEE, WAS NOT FORMALLY DISCUSSED BY THE COMMITTEE  
AND MIGHT THEREFORE BE REGARDED AS INDICATIVE AND INFORMATIVE  
RATHER THAN MANDATORY.

AS REGARDS THE REGIONAL MEETINGS MENTIONED IN THE REPORT  
AND IN THE NOTE OF 18 MARCH, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE  
PREPARATORY COMMITTEE DECIDED THAT TWO SERIES OF MEETINGS  
WOULD BE HELD:

(A) IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE PROGRAMME OF  
WORK (DECISION 1 (I)), EACH REGIONAL COMMISSION WILL CONVENE  
A MEETING WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL  
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OF THE CONFERENCE AND OTHER CONCERNED ORGANIZATIONS OF  
THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IN THE SECOND HALF OF 1977 TO  
ASSESS THE PROGRESS AND, ON THE BASIS OF SUGGESTIONS  
RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTRIES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS,  
MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON A MAXIMUM OF FIVE SUBJECT AREAS  
FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE IN JANUARY/  
FEBRUARY 1978.

(B) IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 6 OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK  
(DECISION 1 (I)), EACH UNITED NATIONS REGIONAL COMMISSION  
WILL CONVENE A MEETING WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE  
SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE AND CONCERNED  
ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IN JUNE/JULY  
1978 TO REVIEW NATIONAL PAPERS IN ORDER TO PREPARE REGIONAL  
PAPERS WHICH WILL DEAL WITH POLICIES AND PLANS OF ACTION  
RELATED TO PROBLEMS AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH THE AGENDA OF THE CONFERENCE, BEARING IN MIND, WHEREVER  
APPROPRIATE, SUBJECT AREAS. THE REGIONAL PAPERS WILL  
BE SUBMITTED TO THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE AT ITS SESSION IN

SEPTEMBER 1978.

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL CONSIDERS IT USEFUL TO MENTION  
THESE TWO ROUNDS OF MEETINGS IN ORDER TO CLARIFY PARAGRAPH 4  
OF THE NOTE OF 18 MARCH 1977, WHERE THEY ARE THE SUBJECT  
OF A GLOBAL REFERENCE.

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF HIS EXCELLENCY'S  
GOVERNMENT WOULD INDICATE:

(A) A "FOCAL POINT" FOR CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES IN ORDER TO  
FACILITATE COMMUNICATION WITH THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT,  
IF NO SUCH FOCAL POINT HAS YET BEEN DESIGNATED;

(B) WHAT ASSISTANCE IT WISHES TO RECEIVE FROM THE  
CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT IN THE PREPARATION OF NATIONAL PAPERS,  
WITH A POSSIBLE REFERENCE TO SPECIFIC POINTS IN THE GUIDELINES  
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ON WHICH SUCH ASSISTANCE WOULD BE PARTICULARLY NECESSARY;

(C) THE NAMES AND THE CURRICULA VITAE OF EXPERTS WHO MIGHT BE  
AVAILABLE UP TO 30 APRIL 1978 TO PROVIDE THE PROPOSED ASSISTANCE.  
DURING THE FIRST SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE  
IT WAS FREQUENTLY EMPHASIZED THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE  
TO USE EXPERTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

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